



# THE SECOND EPISTLE of Paul the Apostle to the Thessalonians.

## CHAP. I.

1 S. Paul certifieth them of the good opinion which hee had of their faith, loue, and patience: 11 And therewithall vseth diuers reasons for the comforting of them in persecution, whereof the chiefeft is taken from the righteous iudgement of God.



Paul and Silvanus, and Timotheus vnto the Church of the Thessalonians, in God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Grace vnto you, and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Wee are bound to thanke God alwayes for you, brethren, as it is meete, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charitie of euery one of you al towards each other aboundeth:

4 So that wee our selues glorie in you in the Churches of God, for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that yee endure.

5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous iudgement of God, that yee may bee counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which yee also suffer;

6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompence tribulation to them that trouble you:

7 And to you who are troubled, rest with vs, when the Lord Jesus shall be reuealed from heauen, with his mighty Angels,

8 In flaming fire, || taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of

the Lord, and from the glory of his power:

12 When hee shall come to bee glorified in his Saints, and to bee admired in all them that beleue (because our testimony among you was beleued) in that day.

11 Wherefore also we pray alwayes for you, that our God would || count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodnesse, and the worke of faith with power:

12 That the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ may bee glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## CHAP. II.

1 Hee willet them to continue stedfast in the trueth receiued, 3 Sheweth that there shall bee a departure from the faith, 9 and a discovery of Antichrist, before the day of the Lord come. 15 And thereupon repeateth his former exhortation, & prayeth for them.

**N**OW wee beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together vnto him,

2 That yee bee not soone shaken in minde, or bee troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter, as from vs, as that the day of Christ is at hand,

3 Let no man deceiue you by any meanes, for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sinne bee reuealed, the sonne of perdition,

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himselfe aboue all that is called God, or that is worshipped: so that he as God, sitteth in the Temple of God, shewing himselfe that he is God.

5 Remember yee not, that when I was yet with you, I tolde you these things:

6 And

† Gr. the angels of his power.  
|| Or, yeelding.

|| Or, vouchsafe.

*Or, holdeth.*

6 And now yee know what **||** With-  
holdeth, that hee might bee reuealed in  
his time.

7 For the myserie of iniquitie doth  
alreadie worke: onely he who now let-  
teth, will let, vntill he be taken out of the  
way.

8 And then shall that wicked bee  
reuealed, whome the Lord shall con-  
sume with the spirit of his mouth, and  
shall destroy with the brightnesse of his  
comming:

9 Euen him whose comming is after  
the working of Satan, with all power  
and signes, and lying wonders,

10 And with all deceiueablenesse of  
vnrightheousnesse, in them that perish:  
because they receiued not the loue of the  
trueth, that they might be saued.

11 And for this cause God shall send  
them strong delusion, that they should  
beleue a lye:

12 That they all might bee damned  
who beleued not the trueth, but had  
pleasure in vnrightheousnes.

13 But we are bound to giue thanks  
alway to God for you, brethren, beloued  
of the Lord, because God hath from  
the beginning chosen you to saluation,  
through sanctification of the spirit, and  
beleefe of the trueth,

14 Whereunto he called you by our  
Gospel, to the obtaining of the glorie of  
the Lord Iesus Christ.

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast,  
and hold the traditions which yee haue  
beene taught, whether by word or our  
Epistle.

16 Now our Lorde Iesus Christ  
himselfe, and God euen our Father,  
which hath loued vs, and hath giuen  
vs euerlasting consolation, and good  
hope through grace,

17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish  
you in euery good word and worke.

### CHAP. III.

He craueth their prayers for himselfe, 3 testi-  
fieth what confidence hee hath in them, 5  
maketh request to God in their behalfe, 6 gi-  
ueth them diuers precepts, especially to shun  
idlenesse, and ill company, 16 And last of  
all concludeth with prayer and salutation.

**F**inally, brethren, pray  
for vs, that the word of  
the Lord **†** may haue free  
course, and be glorified,  
euen as it is with you:  
2 And that we may

*† Gr. may  
runne.*

bee deliuered from **†** vnreasonable and  
wicked men: for all men haue not faith.

*† Gr. absurd.*

3 But the Lord is faithfull, who  
shall stablish you, and keepe you from  
euill.

4 And wee haue confidence in the  
Lord touching you, that yee both doe,  
and will doe the things which we com-  
mand you.

5 And the Lord direct your hearts  
into the loue of God, and into **||** the pa-  
tient waiting for Christ.

*|| Or, the pa-  
tience of  
Christ.*

6 Now we command you, brethren,  
in the Name of our Lord Iesus Christ,  
that ye withdraw your selues from eue-  
ry brother that walketh disorderly, and  
not after the tradition which hee recei-  
ued of vs.

7 For your selues know how yee  
ought to follow vs: for wee behaued  
not our selues disorderly among you,

8 Neither did wee eate any mans  
bread for nought: but wrought with la-  
bour and trauaile night and day, that  
wee might not bee chargeable to any  
of you.

9 Not because we haue not power,  
but to make our selues an ensample vnto  
you to follow vs.

10 For euen when wee were with  
you, this wee commanded you, that if  
any would not worke, neither should  
he eate.

11 For we heare that there are some  
which walke among you disorderly,  
working not at all, but are busi-bodies.

12 Now them that are such, we com-  
mand, and exhort by our Lord Iesus  
Christ, that with quietnesse they worke,  
and eat their owne bread.

13 But ye, brethren, **||** be not wearie  
in well doing.

*|| Or, faint  
not.*

14 And if any man obey not our  
word, by this Epistle **||** note that man,  
and haue no company with him, that  
he may be ashamed,

*|| Or, signifie  
that man by  
an Epistle.*

15 Yet count him not as an enemy,  
but admonish him as a brother.

16 Now the Lord of peace himselfe,  
giue you peace alwayes, by all meanes.  
The Lord be with you all.

17 The salutation of Paul, with  
mine owne hand, which is the token in  
euery Epistle: so I write.

18 The grace of our Lord Iesus  
Christ be with you all, Amen.

**C**The second Epistle to the Thessalo-  
nians was written from Athens.